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SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Mervin D. Garretson, B.A.	Head Teacher
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Velma Halvorson, B.S.	Teacher
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Frances Vermillion	Teacher
Raymond Kolander, B.S.	Teacher

SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

James MacPherson, M.A.	Head Teacher
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Martin Eriksen, B.S.	Woodworking
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Velma Halvorson, B.S.	Home Economics
Clarence Altop	Leatherworking
March Denney	Sewing

Calendar of Events

1953 - 1954

September 9, Wednesday	School opens
September 10, Thursday	Classes begin
October 23, Friday	First Six Weeks' Marking Period
October 30, Friday	Hallowe'en Party
Committee: Mr. Younggren, Miss Hoult, Mrs. Blanchard	
October 31, Saturday	Magic Show
November 10, Tuesday	Howe Memorial Program
(Observed in Department for the Blind)	
November 21, Saturday	Thanksgiving Party
Committee: Miss Vermillion, Mr. Kolander, Mrs. Cox	
November 26, Thursday	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 4, Friday	Second Six Weeks' Marking Period
December 10, Thursday	Gallaudet Chapel
Mr. Kolander	
December 17, Thursday	Christmas Program
Committee: Entire faculty under direction of	
Miss Koetitz and Mrs. MacPherson	
December 18, Friday	(no school)
	Christmas holiday begins
January 3, Sunday	Vacation ends
January 4, Monday	Classes resume
January 16, Saturday	Winter Party
Committee: Mrs. Eriksen, Mr. Altop, Mrs. Blanchard	
January 25, 26, 27	Mid-year Exams
January 29, Friday	Third Six Week's Marking Period
February 20, Saturday	Washington's Birthday Party
Committee: Mrs. Lynch, Mr. Eriksen, Miss Koetitz	
March 12, Friday	Fourth Six Week's Marking Period
March 20, Saturday	St. Patrick's Party
Committee: Mrs. Golden, Miss Rankin, Mr. MacPherson	
April 16, Friday	Good Friday Holiday
April 18, Sunday	Easter
April 23, Friday	Fifth Six Week's Marking Period
April 24, Saturday	Hard Times Party
Committee: Miss Halvorson, Mrs. MacPherson, Mrs. Aamoth	
May 11, Tuesday	Arbor Day Program
Committee: Mr. Garretson and Mr. MacPherson	
May 26, Wednesday	Field Day and Picnic
Mr. Younggren, chairman	
May 31, June 1, 2	Final Examinations
June 4, Friday	Final Six Week's Marking Period
June 6, Sunday	Baccalaureate
June 7, Monday	Musical
June 8, Tuesday	Commencement
June 9, Wednesday	School closes

Daily Schedule

Rise	6:30 a.m.
Breakfast	7:15 a.m.
School	9:00 a.m.
Recess (Primary deaf)	10:15-10:30 a.m.
Dinner	11:45 a.m.
School	1:00 p.m.
Primary recess	2:00-2:15 p.m.
Primary classes dismissed	3:00 p.m.
All classes dismissed	4:00 p.m.
Recreation	4:15 p.m.
Supper	5:45 p.m.
Study hall (intermediate and advanced)	7:00 p.m.
Gym classes	7-9 p.m.
Study hour dismissed	8:00 p.m.
Retire (Small pupils)	7:15 p.m.
Retire (Older pupils)	9:00 p.m.

No classes or study hour on Saturdays

Sunday and Holiday Schedule

Rise	7:00 a.m.
Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Sunday School*	9:30 a.m.
Instruction for Catholic pupils*	10:30 a.m.
Dinner	12:30 p.m.
Supper	5:45 p.m.
Retire (Small pupils)	7:15 p.m.
Retire (Older pupils)	9:00 p.m.

*Sunday only

dandelions have been eradicated, needed drainage done and new sodding accomplished where needed. All machinery has been reconditioned and the interior of the building has been redecorated where needed. Many new drapes have been made by staff lady members.

Appropriations for this school have always been conservative. Progressive improvements to the physical plant has been made possible mostly through utilization of surplus food commodities procured by the State Purchasing Department and by the actions of the Donable Properties Division of the State Superintendent's office in securing materials which we have advised them we can use to advantage. The State Board of Examiners has allowed us to use funds saved in operation to make needed repairs and improvements. The State Fire Marshal has rated this plant as satisfactory from the standpoint of safety. A separate shop building will be needed within two years to maintain such rating if enrollment increases as it is expected to do.

The State Board of Examiners has set up the twelve thousand dollar re-appropriation from the boiler house fund for capital improvements. This is not enough to start a shop building. The State Highway Department will surface the streets through the school property at cost for material and labor under this appropriation. Plans and estimates have been submitted for a two room addition to the superintendent's cottage. This can be done under re-appropriated funds without interfering with the regular budget for operation and maintenance.

DECEMBER REPORT

It is a pleasure to report that the six new staff members appointed to our staff last summer have integrated most satisfactorily, both on the staff and in the community. Miss Bettina Hoult, who came to us a teacher of the deaf from Iowa last summer, has married and she is now Mrs. Hatley. She plans to teach for us at least the rest of the school year. This school has been fortunate in securing young teachers so we must expect more marriages than schools in which the average staff age is much greater.

Using funds re-appropriated by the Legislature for capital improvements the Highway Department has surfaced streets on the school grounds. Two rooms have been added to the four room cottage furnished for the superintendent. Some re-wiring is being done in the school building to relieve electrical overload. The lighting of the sewing room is being improved. Classroom lighting has been brought up to satisfactory light metering. All electrical changes have been done by a local electrical firm according to underwriter's standards.

The State Purchasing Department continues to secure price support commodities without cost. These include beef, butter, cheese, honey, canned roast beef and powdered milk. We now have a twenty cubic foot deep freezer on order. It will be paid for out of savings as were three previous deep freezers and three refrigerators. This program has not only improved diet but has paid for capital equipment. We have received a number of deer and antelope from the Fish and Game Department.

The department for the blind now has testing and evaluation programs as the department for the deaf has long had. Both departments now make full

use of shop training facilities. The staff members and volunteers are providing outside activities which make for a full life. These range from dancing to church attendance and from debating to weiner roasts. Our problem is somewhat different from that of the public school where scouting is needed for training in group activity. Children in institutions have so much group activity that they need individual or small group development. The older children are assuming responsibility for preparation for parties, outings, programs and entertainments. Busy children do not have time to create discipline problems.

APRIL REPORT

Graduation

Commencement exercises will be held on the evening of Tuesday, June 8. Three students from the department for the blind will receive twelfth grade diplomas. There will not be a graduating class from the department for the deaf.

Those who will graduate are as follows:

Lee Chamberlain, Townsend

Mary Louise Kennedy, Cut Bank

Paul Newman, Havre

Student Activities

The older children in the department for the blind have given a number of musical programs for various church groups, parent-teachers associations and clubs. A recording was made of Christmas music for broadcast over a local radio station.

Teachers of both departments cooperated in presenting a Christmas program at the school. The public was invited and an open house was held after the program. It is impossible to seat all those who attend such programs in the last few years.

The boys in the department for the deaf have had a very satisfactory basketball season. Perhaps the most interesting games have been with the students from the Rocky Boy Indian School and the annual game with alumni of the school. We are planning to take the older students in both departments to Rocky Boys for a softball game and picnic in the spring. The deaf alumni association presented their annual award for the student voted most outstanding in sportsmanship. This year's winner was Ronald Lamping of Helena.

We are in correspondence with the Utah School for the Deaf and Blind to see if they will be willing to have our tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades visit them for two days. There are only twelve students in these classes and the children could be taken in the school's two station wagons. We have sufficient recreational funds to pay all the expenses for the trip if the State Board of Education will approve it. In recent years a number of state schools have exchanged visits of older pupils as an incentive for advanced pupils rather than for athletes alone.

All of the children have enjoyed frequent movies both at school and at the Civic Center Theatre. All were guests at the premier showing of "Dangerous Assignment." We appreciated Mr. Clarence Golder's kindness in arranging for this and for the star of the show, Piper Laurie, to visit with the children at the school.

Civic organizations and private individuals continue to assist us in arranging for extra entertainments and small surprises for the children.

School Work

Achievement tests have recently been completed in the department for the deaf. The results have been very gratifying when compared to those of previous years. They show a high level of teaching has been done.

The pupils in the department for the blind have been given the Pintner General Ability tests, Form A, to assist in evaluating the children's ability. The Pintner tests are available in Braille and they are the most widely used in schools for the blind since Dr. Pintner has devoted most of his life to testing of audially or visually handicapped children.

The course of study in the department for the blind has been changed somewhat to meet all requirement for college entrance.

The lead article in the February issue of our school paper express what we expect from music in this school. It will probably be incorporated in the next annual report.

Staff

It is unusual for a change in staff to occur before the close of the fiscal year. In January Mrs. Pauline Seegar, housemother for younger girls, was called to Chicago because of the death of her brother-in-law. The shock caused her sister to be permanently incapacitated so she asked to be released to care for her.

We were fortunate in securing Mrs. Ida Hoiland to take this position. She has two years of college and she served as hostess at the Student Union when her daughter attended Montana State College.

At the close of the school year Miss Frances Vermillion plans to move to another state. She is an experienced primary teacher of the deaf and she enjoys changing scenery after a couple years in one school. We have an application from Miss Sally Round for this position. Miss Round is a graduate of a teacher's college with a year of special training in the education of the deaf at the American School for the Deaf, Hartford, Connecticut. This is an approved training center. She has taught four years at the American School.

Miss Bettina Hoult, teacher of the deaf, married last fall becoming Mrs. Bettina Hatley. It will be necessary to replace her next fall because there will be an addition to the family at that time.

The Great Falls public school system has a salary schedule that is above what we can afford to pay on our present budget. Allowance was made for increases as submitted at the present time. We have checked our budget and expenditures to date and find sufficient funds to allow all increases which are for twenty dollars per month for teachers and for five dollars per month for other staff members with two exceptions, Mrs. Ethel Sovereign and Newton Shular. Mrs. Sovereign's increase of fifteen dollars should be granted on her ability as she is capable of all office routine. Mr. Shular's increase is to allow a living wage to support a wife. He plans to marry this summer and will have to live outside. Up to present he has been furnished board, room and laundry. He is well qualified as an institution or hospital repair man. We would be willing to release him to another institution and train another young deaf man for such work if salary would warrant the change.

JULY REPORT

Three students in the department for the blind received twelfth grade diplomas on the evening of Tuesday, June 8. They were Lee Chamberlain of Townsend, Mary Louise Kennedy of Cut Bank and Paul Newman of Havre. The latter two students will attend Northern Montana College of Education this fall. Both are exceptionally well qualified to follow their chosen courses. Paul Newman expects to prepare for social work for the adult blind while Mary Louise Kennedy expects train to to teach young blind children. Lee Chamberlain entered this school after a brain operation having lost the sight of one eye and the focus of the other. His vision cleared in time to the point that he was able to prepare himself for a helper's place in a bakery in Havre. He was assisted in his training in the domestic science class and in the school kitchen and he was employed to start work as soon as school closed. His vision is adequate for any gross work but he develops strain after reading a quarter page of regular type.

Mary Louise Kennedy received the annual Delta Gamma Alumnae scholarship to assist a blind graduate to continue higher education in addition to receiving a fifty dollar Heisey award. This girl was born in another state and never attended school until her parents moved to Montana when she was fourteen years old. She has completed twelve grades of work in seven and a half years and tests show her well prepared for college entrance. The teaching staff is to be commended for recognizing the girl's ability and for helping her to advance as rapidly as she could.

Adranne Newman, who graduated last year, has been an A student at Havre this year. All three who will be attending Northern are eligible to receive scholarships as outstanding students and they will be furnished reader service under Rehabilitation. It is expected that private funds will be developed through our school to see that each student will receive an extra hundred dollars annually while attending college.

Governor J. Hugo Aronson conferred the diplomas on the members of the graduating class. Mr. O. B. Kotz, Great Falls attorney and husband of the President of our Local Executive Board, delivered the commencement address.

It is a pleasure to report that three young men who graduated from the department for the deaf several years ago have completed the necessary time on country newspapers and have received their union cards in the International Typographical Union during the past year and another young man has received training under the Rehabilitation Service at the Dunwoody Bakers Institute and he is employed as baker and pastry cook at a Great Falls hospital.

Regular testing has been conducted in classes for both the deaf and blind with satisfactory results shown. We wish to express our appreciation to the Mental Hygiene Clinic for checking selected cases for us.

Finances

Operational expenses have run close to budget with the exception of savings effected through utilization of materials secured through the Donable Properties Division under the State Superintendent office at the cost of transportation and handling. The State Purchasing Department has secured maximum allocation of foods on the Federal price support program. This has allow-

ed for excellent diet and the savings have allowed us to fully equip our kitchen with refrigeration and deep freeze equipment. This was approved by the State Board of Examiners.

State books can not be closed and audited until all claims for the fiscal year have been processed in July but it is now evident that we are within our budget and have a reasonable reserve for any reasonable emergency. We expect to operate within our budget for the fiscal year 1954-55 without seeking supplemental appropriations.

Physical Plant

Pupils and staff continue to improve and maintain the physical plant as far as possible. It will be necessary this summer to have a roofing contractor re-coat the flat roof on the main building as we had anticipated in our budget. This should put the roof in acceptable condition for four or five years but it is expected at that time that it will be advisable to convert the roof to tar and gravel type at a cost of four to five thousand dollars. The roof will have doubled the period of original warranty although it never had the approved slope for drainage for such type of roof. A minor caulking job will be necessary on copings. It will be necessary to have this done by a contractor since his insurance will cover hazardous occupations.

It is hoped that the next Legislature will be able to appropriate funds for a new shop building and a new laundry building and a small appropriation to allow us to remodel the present shop and laundry area for needed dormitory and living space. This project has been approved previously by the State Board of Education. We shall have the architect check the figures previously submitted and bring them up to date before submitting them for consideration of the next Legislature. It is not anticipated that there will be any great change in the gross figures.

A separate shop building is needed to remove fire hazard from a building that is essentially residential. It is needed to remove the main source of noise from the area of the academic department and it is needed for dormitory and recreational space. Construction of new shop space will be less than half of what an equivalent space of dormitory and living space would cost and the present shop area can be very economically converted.

Special Funds for Children

October 3, 1953

To the State Board of Education:

In submitting this annual report on the Ferdinand J. Weyer fund for the use and benefit of the children at the State School for the Deaf and Blind we wish to again give credit to Mr. Arthur S. Jardine for his administration of the estate and to Mr. G. A. Bosley for his assistance and advice in establishing the fund and in erection of the two houses.

The capital value of the Weyer Houses is \$16,590.86.

Cash Balance on hand October 3, 1952	\$ 672.30
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Cash income to October 3, 1953	1,234.13
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Total Cash, all sources	\$1,906.43
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Expended for children October 3, 1953	1,153.72
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Cash balance, children's credit October 3, 1953 ..	\$ 752.71
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To insure such a program, a legacy or residuary legateeship should be made, "To the Montana School for Deaf and Blind for the use and benefit of the children thereof", or to such other institution as the benefactor hoped to see humanized. In most instances it would be well to stipulate that only the income could be spent.

The following itemization is presented only as a matter of interest. A small independent income can do much for the morale of an institution.

Respectfully,
Glenn I. Harris

Special Funds for Children

September 15, 1953

Mr. Edward L. Shields
104 16th Street North
Great Falls, Montana

Dear Mr. Shields:

It is a pleasure to submit this report on the use made of funds provided by sale of the booklet, "Shep", for recreation during the past year. We sincerely appreciate the work that you, Miss Grace Collins, Mr. Barnhart and others have done in keeping these funds coming in.

To date we have received \$1,980.00 from this source. Miss Grace Collins has \$223.14 in savings account No. 36645 at the First National Bank, making a grand total of \$2,203.14 receipts as of September 15, 1953.

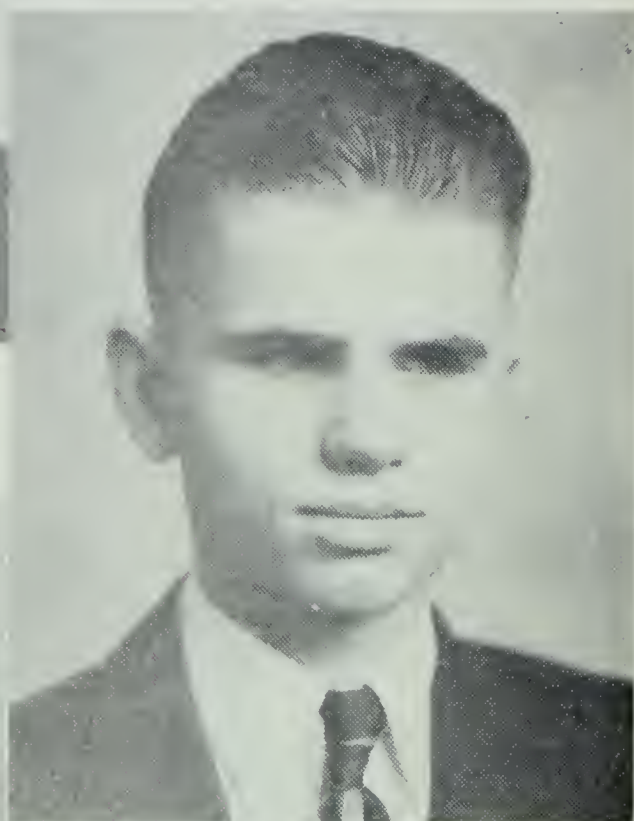
The following pages will explain the uses made of the Edward L. Shields fund from September 1, 1952 to September 1, 1953.

Again let me express my sincere appreciation for the pleasure you have given our children.

Sincerely,
Glenn I. Harris

1954 Graduates

EARL LEE CHAMBERLAIN
Townsend, Montana



PAUL D. NEWMAN
Havre, Montana



MARY LOUISE KENNEDY
Cut Bank, Montana

Student Population

1953 - 1954

County	Name	Age	Class	Town
Big Horn	Birdhat, Alvin	8	Deaf	Lame Deer
Broadwater	Chamberlain, Lee	18	Blind	Townsend
Carbon	Ostrum, Darlene	18	Deaf	Roscoe
Cascade	Adams, Victor	10	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Bass, Fred	14	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Bird, John	16	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Brayson, Katherine	12	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Bricks, Robert	18	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Gililand, Robert	8	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Gosso, Carol	12	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Hall, Donald	10	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Harper, Thomas	9	Deaf	Vaughn
Cascade	Johnson, Lyle	9	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Klessig, Robert	13	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Leigland, Harold	7	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Short, Karen	15	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Upton, Nancy	10	Blind	Great Falls
Cascade	Van Tighem, Eddie	13	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Wheeler, Bonnie	13	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	Whitsell, Jane	18	Deaf	Great Falls
Cascade	*Wiggins, Carolyn	7	Deaf	Great Falls
Choteau	Stack, Gary	8	Deaf	Loma
Deer Lodge	Clawson, Guy	14	Blind	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Kennedy, Michael	18	Deaf	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Kohler, Daffney	15	Blind	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Menahan, Kenneth	15	Deaf	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	*Morse, Mary Susan	9	Blind	Anaconda
Deer Lodge	Spurlock, Chris	16	Deaf	Anaconda
Fergus	Heller, Joseph	8	Deaf	Lewistown
Flathead	McDowell, Denzel	16	Deaf	Whitefish
Flathead	Pahrman, Kenneth	15	Blind	Whitefish
Flathead	Pahrman, Sharon	7	Blind	Whitefish
Flathead	Thompson, Rosemary	18	Blind	Kalispell
Flathead	Wise, David	9	Deaf	Kalispell
Gallatin	Dunn, Dorothy	9	Blind	Bozeman
Gallatin	Smith, Mary Ann	12	Deaf	Manhattan
Glacier	Kennedy, Mary Louise	21	Blind	Cut Bank
Golden Valley	Corcoran, Carol	19	Deaf	Ryegate
Golden Valley	Schaff, Cecelia	18	Deaf	Ryegate

Hardin	* Big Day, Mary	15	Deaf	St. Xavier
Hill	* Herbold, David	6	Deaf	Havre
Hill	Herbold, Robert	15	Deaf	Havre
Hill	McSloy, Joyce	9	Deaf	Havre
Hill	Newman, Paul	16	Blind	Havre
Lake	Gilleard, Ruth	18	Deaf	Polson
Lewis & Clark	* Bolcerzak, Joe	9	Deaf	Helena
Lewis & Clark	Brown, Karen	14	Deaf	Helena
Lewis & Clark	* Chippewa, Conrad	12	Blind	Helena
Lewis & Clark	* Chippewa, Sylvia	7	Blind	Helena
Lewis & Clark	Lamping, Ronald	19	Deaf	East Helena
Liberty	Foster, Rolph	16	Deaf	Joplin
Liberty	Pederson, James	13	Deaf	Chester
Madison	Davis, David	12	Deaf	Twin Bridges
Mineral	Sides, Thomas	14	Deaf	Superior
Missoula	Christian, Melvin	12	Deaf	Missoula
Missoula	Kellmer, Russell	13	Deaf	Missoula
Missoula	Tabish, Robert	15	Deaf	Missoula
Missoula	Wolfe, Sally	10	Deaf	Missoula
Park	Miller, Morris	15	Blind	Livingston
Park	Roup, Juanita	15	Deaf	Livingston
Park	* Williams, Jerry	6	Deaf	Livingston
Phillips	Anderson, Jean	18	Deaf	Malta
Pondera	* McLane, Lee Ann	6	Deaf	Conrad
Pondera	Moon, Yvonne	8	Deaf	Valier
Richland	Hedgaard, Robert	18	Blind	Savage
Richland	* Ulshafer, Irene	13	Deaf	Sidney
Rosebud	* Polley, Ellen	6	Blind	Forsyth
Roosevelt	Bluehorse, Emily	17	Blind	Wolf Point
Roosevelt	Groskurth, Mildred	10	Blind	Wolf Point
Roosevelt	Kuehne, Leonard	16	Deaf	Wolf Point
Sheridan	* Miller, Julie	8	Deaf	Westby
Silver Bow	* Maki, Sharon	14	Deaf	Butte
Silver Bow	Miller, Paul	11	Blind	Butte
Silver Bow	Miller, Stanley	11	Blind	Butte
Silver Bow	Junior, James	12	Deaf	Butte
Silver Bow	Peterson, Ronald	18	Deaf	Butte
Silver Bow	Rudd Otis	19	Deaf	Butte
Stillwell	Maher, Donna	10	Deaf	Reed Point
Teton	Loss, Kenneth	8	Deaf	Fairfield
Toole	Barger, Clifford	13	Deaf	Shelby
Toole	Kanning, Dorothy	9	Deaf	Dunkirk
Toole	Kanning, Elizabeth	8	Deaf	Dunkirk
Toole	Kessner, Janet	9	Blind	Shelby
Toole	* Sherrard, Leslie	6	Deaf	Galata

Yellowstone	Jensen, Ramona	16	Deaf	Joliet
Yellowstone	Nerhus, Nelly	15	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Peterson, Leslie	10	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Weese, Larry	15	Deaf	Billings
Yellowstone	Wittman, Lillian	9	Deaf	Huntley
Yellowstone	Wittman, Oscar	18	Deaf	Huntley
Yellowstone	Wolfe, Bette	7	Deaf	Billings

* New Students

Hospital Report

Total Treated in School Hospital by months

	Out Patient	Bed Patients	Bed Days
September, 1953	270	4	18
October, 1953	281	18	106
November, 1953	300	6	11
December, 1953	310	4	15
January, 1954	330	4	13
February, 1954	345	11	6
March, 1954	355	13	37
April, 1954	360	21	77
May, 1954	315	5	11
June, 1954	45	0	0
	2,911	86	294

11 children were given cod liver oil from October 1 to April 1. All children were weighed every month. All children were measured in September and in June.

11 new entrants were given thorough physical examinations. All tests were negative.

Totals for the year were:

- 1 course of X-ray treatment of acne
- 1 child had warts removed by X-ray
- 1 child was taken to local hospital for intravenous
- 1 child was treated at local hospital for abscess
- 1 broken nose
- 5 children were taken to Mental Hygiene Clinic
- 8 children were examined and fitted with glasses
- 14 children were taken to school dentist
- 72 children were vaccinated for small pox and were given booster shots when needed
- 11 children had mumps. They were taken to the County Detention Hospital
- 1 child was taken to clinic for blood sugar test

The above information submitted by Mabel Sutton, School Nurse

Physician's Report

Great Falls Clinic
Department of Pediatrics
Great Falls, Montana

Glenn I. Harris, President
Montana School for the Deaf and Blind
Great Falls, Montana

This year seemed a banner for the School for Deaf and Blind. There were no severe epidemics nor severe illness and the excellent cooperation of the staff made this one of the school's best years in the matter of health.

All of our contagious illnesses were transferred to the Detention Hospital and thereby averted epidemics in the school. I believe this should be continued.

I especially wish to again thank you and Mrs. Sutton for your help and cooperation throughout the year.

Sincerely,
John W. Brinkley, M.D.

Trial Balance

June 30, 1954 (before closing)

11 Administration—Operation	\$ 29,488.25	
14 Administration—Inventory	774.25	
21 Educational System—Operation	75,560.59	
22 Educational System—Capital	254.16	
23 Educational System—Rep. & Repl.	328.40	
24 Educational System—Inventory	25,847.16	
31 Physical Plant—Operation	14,811.75	
32 Physical Plant—Capital	10,954.50	
33 Physical Plant—Rep. & Repl.	2,592.72	
34 Physical Plant—Inventory	302,718.97	
41 Subsistence	27,300.30	
512 Federal Wards		1,200.00
52 Sale of School Products		25.00
53 Subscription to School Paper		31.50
555 Income from Interest and Income		16,286.01
565-1 Appropriations—Salaries & Expenses		126,864.70
565-2 Appropriations—Public Employees Retirement		1,376.99
565-3 Appropriations—Teachers Retirement		2,192.47
565-4 Appropriations—Boiler House		10,223.61
565-5 Appropriations—President's Salary		7,200.00
64 Interest and Sinking Fund	2,890.61	
65 Interest and Income Fund	12,019.31	
66 Advance from State	1,000.00	
67 Cash in Office	150.89	
68 Local Bank	1,600.28	
73 Contingent Advance Fund		1,000.00
74 Due to Children		736.67
75 Bonds Outstanding		60,666.64
8 Surplus		280,488.55

June 30, 1954 (after closing)

14 Administration—Inventory	774.25	
24 Educational System—Inventory	26,101.32	
34 Physical Plant—Inventory	313,673.47	
64 Interest and Sinking Fund	2,890.61	
65 Interest and Income Fund	12,019.31	
66 Advance from State	1,000.00	
67 Cash in Office	150.89	
68 Local Bank	1,600.28	
73 Contingent Advance Fund		1,000.00
74 Due to Children		736.67
75 Bonds Outstanding		60,666.64
8 Surplus		295,806.82
	\$358,210.13	\$358,210.13

General Information

HISTORY: The School for the Deaf and Blind was established in September, 1893, and until 1937 was located in Boulder, on the same campus as the State Training School. In October, 1937 the school was separated from the Training School and moved to new quarters in Great Falls.

LOCATION: The Montana School for the Deaf and Blind is situated at the eastern city limits of Great Falls. Highway 87 and 89 pass the school at 38th street. The address is 3800 Second Avenue North.

PURPOSE: The school is maintained by the state under the direction of the State Board of Education for the education of children too deaf or too blind to make satisfactory progress in the public schools.

AGE: Pupils between the ages of 6 and 18 are eligible for admittance but no student who has completed high school may be enrolled.

TRAINING: The department for the deaf is conducted by a staff of well-trained experienced teachers. Lip reading and speech are the chief methods of instruction. In addition to regular school subjects offered in all grades through 12, vocational training is provided. Among trades taught deaf boys are: printing, woodworking, shoe repairing, leather work; to girls: sewing, dressmaking, domestic science and typewriting.

The School for the Blind is equipped to give academic instruction either in the Braille or sight-saving department. Vocational training and music are on the curriculum.

RESIDENCE: The institution is a boarding school, and is in session from the second Wednesday in September until the second Wednesday in June with exception of Christmas holidays. Day pupils are admitted, but all students are entitled to free board and room.

COST: There is no cost for tuition, books, living expenses or care. Parents are expected to provide transportation for pupils, clothing and approximately \$20 per year for incidental expenses such as shoe repairs, haircuts, toothpaste, etc. Section 1463, Chapter 29 of the Revised Codes of Montana provides for county assistance for indigent families.

ADMISSION: Pupils are admitted on trial subject to their physical and mental ability to receive instruction. Upon request, an application blank will be provided by the school. The application must be completely filled out and returned together with a certificate of good health and freedom from contagious or infectious diseases. A transcript of credits or letters from teacher or principal is also required when the pupil is transferred from the public schools.

HEALTH: A resident nurse is on duty at the school at all times and a clinic is provided for children who are ill. Ordinary medical care is provided free but operations and extended treatment must be paid for by parents.

RECREATION: Pupils are given an opportunity for three hours of physical training weekly under direction. Recreation ground and rooms are provided, and school parties, moving pictures and other entertainments are scheduled regularly. Pupils enjoy skating, hiking, basketball, and many other types of recreation. Radios, phonographs and pianos are placed in recreation rooms.

CLOTHING: Uniforms or special clothing are not required. Every garment must be plainly marked in indelible ink or by means of woven name tapes which may be obtained at department stores or mail order houses. Linens, bedding and towels are provided by the school. A list of suggested clothing may be obtained upon request. Clothing is laundered at the school.

GENERAL CARE: Supervisors are employed at the school who serve as housemothers and counsellors. Nourishing, well balanced meals are served. There is plenty of milk, butter, vegetables, meat, potatoes and other wholesome food.

VISITORS: Parents, relatives and friends may visit their children as often as they wish. Other visitors are welcomed on school days (Monday through Friday) between the hours of 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1 and 4 p.m. Groups of persons desiring to visit the school may come at other times by special arrangement. Pupils may go out during weekends, or after school hours with parents, relatives or friends by advising us in advance. However, no pupil is permitted to go except with parents, unless we have written permission from home.

For further information write to:

GLENN I. HARRIS, President
School for the Deaf and Blind
Great Falls, Montana

Physical Training

Bettina Hoult Primary Gym
Newton Shular Basketball Coach
Velma Halvorson, B.S. Girls' Physical Education Director

HOUSEHOLD DEPARTMENT

Dorothy Southard Head Matron

Care of Pupils

Lester Rozell	Head Supervisor of Boys
Raymond Kolander, B.S.	Supervisor of Boys
Myrtle Rozell	Boys' Housemother
Mary Meins	Boys' Housemother
March Denney	Girls' Housemother
Pauline Seegar	Girls' Housemother
Ida Miller	Relief Supervisor
Vivian Underwood	Cook
Hattie S. Travis	Baker
Clarence Altop	Laundryman
Edla Pfluger	Laundry Helper
Otelia Herbold	Dining Room Supervisor

Maintenance

Lester Rozell Engineer and Caretaker
Robert M. Anderson Assistant

Health and Medical Department

J. W. Brinkley, M.D., F.A.C.P. _____ Physician
Cecil M. Hall, M.D., F.A.C.S. _____ Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat
(Great Falls Clinic)

J. E. Buehler, D.D.S. _____ Dentist
Mabel Sutton _____ Resident Nurse

President's Report

SEPTEMBER REPORT

The Montana School for the Deaf and Blind opened Wednesday, September 9, 1953. New pupils will hold enrollment at approximately the same number as last year. Several older pupils are expected to enroll within the first month. We expect to be able to accept all pupils who are eligible this year.

Since appointments were submitted in April the new school for the deaf at Riverside, California made an excellent offer to Mr. Joseph Stevenson who taught woodworking in this school for two years. Mr. Stevenson accepted the offer. To replace him we have secured the services of Mr. Martin Eriksen. Mr. Eriksen holds his Bachelor of Science degree from North Dakota State College. He has had five years of experience in vocational teaching in high school, one year of teaching in the air force, three years' experience as county extension agent in Colorado and for the past five years he has conducted the veterans on the farm training program in the Great Falls area. A drop in the number of eligible veterans made it possible for us to secure his services. He is familiar with the deaf. He holds a life certificate in North Dakota.

Early in July Dr. Elstad, President of Gallaudet College, asked us to release Mr. Rudolph Hines to accept an associate professorship at the College. Mr. Hines, although totally deaf, will shortly receive his master's degree from the University of Maryland. To replace Mr. Hines on our teaching staff we have secured the services of Mr. Raymond Kolander, a recent graduate of Gallaudet College. He is considered by the college faculty to be one of the most promising of recent graduates.

After considering the experienced teachers available to fill the vacancy in the department for the blind we preferred to appoint Mrs. Ellen Blanchard to the position although she had not previously taught the blind. Mrs. Blanchard holds a bachelor's degree from St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minn. She taught one year in North Dakota where she holds a teaching certificate. She has also taught two years in St. Martin's Episcopal School, New Orleans, Louisiana. The latter experience will be a great help to her in her present position. Mrs. Blanchard was offered six hundred dollars more per year than our pay schedule will permit for a position in the local school system but she prefers the smaller salary with closer pupil association.

We have been well pleased with the results obtained in the past in taking public school teachers for vacancies in the department for the blind. With experience, trained assistance and summer courses they have developed into outstanding teachers in their line of work. In fact, Mrs. Aamoth and Mrs. Cox have received offers within the last month for approximately five thousand dollars per year at the California School for the Blind. It is considered unethical to make such an offer to a teacher under a contract at such a late date. Fortunately for this school, neither teacher chose to be as technical about contracts as the superintendent who made the offer.

Every effort was made to put the physical plant in as good shape as possible within the appropriations expiring June 30, 1953. On the grounds

Sample Menu

BREAKFAST	DINNER	SUPPER
Sunday Grapefruit Sections Corn Flakes - Milk Coffee Cake - Butter Jam - Cocoa	Roast Chicken Sage Dressing - Gravy Mashed Potatoes - Celery Olives - Cranberry Sauce Bread - Butter - Milk Strawberry Ice Cream	Sliced Meat - Pickles Boiled Rice Tomatoes Chocolate Cake Bread - Butter - Milk
Monday Whole Oranges Oatmeal Toast - Butter Honey - Milk	Round Steak Steamed Potatoes - Gravy Pudding Sauce - Carrots Bread - Butter - Milk	Macaroni and Cheese Raw Vegetables - Beets Pears Ginger Cookies Bread - Butter - Milk
Tuesday Sliced Bananas Puffed Wheat Milk - Hot Cakes Syrup - Butter	Roast Pork - Gravy Mashed Potatoes - Corn Apple Pie - Sliced Cheese Bread - Butter - Milk	Creamed Chipped Beef Potatoes Lettuce and Tomato Salad Bread - Butter - Milk
Wednesday Apple Juice Cream of Wheat Toast - Milk Jam - Butter	Fried Liver Stewed Potatoes and Onions Green Beans Cinnamon Rolls Bread - Butter - Milk	Stewed Beef with Dumplings Raw Vegetables Apple Sauce Bread - Butter - Milk
Thursday Apricots Wheatena Milk - Toast Butter - Jam	Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes - Gravy Buttered Peas Fruit Jello-Whipped Cream Bread - Butter - Milk	Sliced Meat and Gravy Fried Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes Sliced Peaches Bread - Butter - Milk
Friday Oranges Cream of Wheat Toast - Butter Honey - Milk	Fillet of Rock Cod Baked Potatoes Cabbage Salad Butterscotch Pudding Bread - Butter - Milk	Vegetables Soup - Crackers Peanut Butter - Honey Boiled Eggs Cherries - Cookies Bread - Butter - Milk
Saturday V - 8 Juice Roman Meal Toast - Milk Butter - Jam	Stewed Beef - Vegetables Potatoes - Catsup Chocolate Pudding Bread - Butter - Milk	Fried Ham - Baked Beans Celery - Carrots Fruit Cocktail - Raisin Rolls Graham Crackers Butter - Milk

